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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: STEVEN L. PARKER  
Filed: JULY 12, 2001  
For: SYNCHRONOUS COLLAPSED RING ARCHITECTURE FOR REAL  
TIME SIGNAL SWITCHING AND DISTRIBUTION  
Serial No.: 09/904,289  
Group Art Unit: 2613  
Examiner: SEDIGHIAN, REZA  
Atty. Dkt: L3BB:003

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 2, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated June 2, 2006. The due date for responding is Tuesday, September 5, 2006 (September 2, 2006, fell on a Saturday and Monday, September 4, was Labor Day).

No fees are believed due. Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, including any fee for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205/L3BB:003.

Please amend the application as follows: